

**DECLARATION, POWER OF AGENT AND CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

(X) original  
( ) design  
( ) supplemental  
( ) national stage of PCT

My residence address, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**“FOOT MOUNTED VENOUS COMPRESSION DEVICE”**

the specification of which:

(X) is attached hereto.  
( ) was filed on \*\*\* as Application Serial No. \*\*\* and was amended on \*\*\* (if applicable).  
( ) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \*\*\* filed on \*\*\* and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \*\*\* (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to the patentability of any claim in accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent.

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FOREIGN PRIORITY

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits, under 35 USC §§119(a)-(d) or §365(b), of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or, under §365(a), of any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below. I have also identified below any related foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application(s) to which priority is claimed.

*Prior Foreign Applications(s):*

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DOMESTIC PRIORITY

This application is of the following type:

- original
- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part (CIP)

I hereby claim domestic priority benefits, under 35 USC §§119(e) and/or 120, of any United States application or, under §365(c), of any PCT international application designating the United States of America listed below. To the extent that the subject matter of any claim of this application is not disclosed in the below listed prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner required under the first paragraph of 35 USC §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in 37 CFR §1.56, which occurred between the filing date(s) of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

*Prior Domestic Application(s):*

- U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/816,807 filed March 19, 1997
- U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/428,268 filed April 25, 1995
- U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/275,920 filed July 14, 1994
- U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/000,545 filed January 4, 1993
- U.S. patent application Serial No. 07/766,576 filed September 27, 1991

STATEMENT UNDER 18 USC §1001

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent which may issue thereon.

POWER OF AGENT

As a below named inventor, I hereby appoint Wayne J. Colton, Registration No. 40,962, as principal agent of record and William H. Quirk, IV, Registration No. 33,996 as principle attorney of record, jointly and severally, each with full power of substitution and revocation, to transact all business before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

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Docket No. 1001.1096  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Group Art Unit: \*\*\*

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Title: FOOT MOUNTED VENOUS  
COMPRESSION DEVICE

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## **POWER OF AGENT AND INTERVENTION OF ASSIGNEE**

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Assistant Comm'r for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The undersigned, being the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-captioned patent application, hereby elects, under 37 CFR §3.71, to prosecute this patent application to the exclusion of the inventors. In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §3.73(b), a certificate in evidence of the undersigned Assignee's title is submitted herewith. A power of agent and designation of correspondence address follows.

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( ) a chain of title from the inventor(s), or previous assignee(s) in full, of the above-identified patent or patent application to the current assignee as shown below:

(1) From: \*\*\*  
To: \*\*\*

( ) Document recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \*\*\*,  
Frame(s) \*\*\*.  
( ) Document attached hereto.

(2) From: \*\*\*  
To: \*\*\*

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( ) Additional document(s) in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.  
( ) Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned has reviewed all of the documents in the above-recited chain of title for the above-identified patent or patent application and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, title rests in the above-identified Assignee.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the Assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements herein made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC §1001; and that any such willful false statement so made may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified patent or patent application or any patent issued thereon.

Name: John H. Vrzalik

Title: Vice President

John H. Vrzalik  
Signature

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Date

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)**

Assignee(s): KINETIC CONCEPTS, INC. (A Texas corporation with principle place of business in San Antonio, Texas.)

The above-identified individual(s), or other legal entity or entities, hereby certifies that, to the best of his, her or its knowledge and belief, he, she or it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the following identified patent or patent application:

( ) U.S. patent No.: \*\*\*  
(X) U.S. patent application:  
( ) Serial No.: \*\*\*  
(X) Title: FOOT MOUNTED VENOUS COMPRESSION DEVICE; Filing Date: November 2, 1999; Inventor(s): Cesar Z. LINA

by virtue of:

( ) an assignment from the inventor(s), or previous assignee(s) in full, of the above-identified patent or patent application,  
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( ) Title: \*\*\*; Filing Date: \*\*\*; Inventor(s): \*\*\*,  
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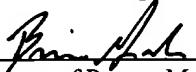
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**DOCKET NUMBER AND ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE**

Please update the docket number for the above-captioned application to 1001.1096 and direct all future correspondence and communications relevant the same to **CUSTOMER NO. 22775**:

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Respectfully submitted,

**KINETIC CONCEPTS, INC.**

Name: John H. Vrzalik

Title: Vice President

John H. Vrzalik  
 Signature

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